

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Tennessee Department of Transportation to erect signs at the points at which each Interstate highway passing through Tennessee enters the State stating that all truck tractors and semi trailers must keep in the right hand lane except to pass.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of safe and efficient travel on the Interstate highway system within this State that traffic be allowed to flow at a relatively constant rate of speed, which allows drivers to make good judgments about the probable action of other vehicles on the highway; and

WHEREAS, throughout much of the State elevations vary, and grades also vary according to topography; consequently, larger and heavier vehicles proceeding up such grades must necessarily slow, often to a speed below allowable speed limits; and

WHEREAS, most such large and heavily loaded vehicles are truck tractors and semi trailers; these vehicles are also much taller and wider than passenger vehicles, and as such obscure the view of drivers of passenger vehicles and light trucks and vans; and

WHEREAS, signage on the Interstate system in Tennessee stating that truck tractors and semi trailers must stay in the right lane except to pass would do much to promote safer and more efficient flow of traffic on Tennessee's Interstate highways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is urged to erect signs on all Interstate highways passing through this state at the points where such highways enter Tennessee stating that all truck tractors and semi trailers must stay in the right hand lane except to pass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.